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Description

USDA-Forest Service, Olympic National Forest, Hood Canal Ranger District Notice of 30-day Comment on Environmental Assessment, Lower Skokomish Vegetation Management Project Request for Comment: The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Lower Skokomish Vegetation Management Project is now available for a 30-day comment period. The Forest Service is proposing thinning of about 4,500 acres on National Forest System Lands to accelerate the development of some of the structural and compositional features of late-successional forests and accelerate growth of forest stands in Late-Successional Reserves, Adaptive Management Areas and Riparian Reserves land management allocations within the Lower North Fork and Lower South Fork Skokomish River watersheds. The project area is located about 15 miles southwest of Hoodsport, WA, on the Hood Canal Ranger District of the Olympic National Forest, in Mason County, Washington. The legal location of the project is: T22N, R05W, Sec. 1-14, 16-22, 26, 28-30, 31-34, 36; T22N, R06W, Sec. 13, 23, 22; T23N, R04W, Sec. 7-9, Willamette Meridian. Anyone wishing to review the project file or obtain additional information on the project should contact the Project Lead listed below. The EA and supporting documents can be viewed at the project website: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43401 This project is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who submit timely written comments during a public comment period are eligible to file an objection. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request. The Forest Service will accept comments on this proposal for 30 days following the publication of the opportunity to comment legal notice which is the exclusive means of calculating the comment period. Commenters should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the commenters responsibility to ensure timely receipt of comments (36 CFR 218.25). Dean Yoshina, District Ranger, is the Responsible Official. Comments must be submitted in a timely manner in writing, orally, or electronically to the responsible official, Dean Yoshina, Hood Canal District Ranger, through Kim Crider, Project Lead, Olympic National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1835 Black Lake Blvd. SW, Olympia, WA 98512, or call 360-956-2376. If you have any questions regarding the details of this proposal, please contact the project lead. The office business hours for those submitting hand delivered comments are: 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Oral comments can be provided to project lead listed above, only during normal business hours via telephone or in person. Comments can be faxed to 360-956-2330. Electronic comments must be submitted online via the project website listed above. On the project website within the "Get Connected" group to the right click on "Comment on Project" and follow on-screen instructions for submitting comments. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification. Pub: December 7, 2015 Legal No: 672210

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